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Historic April

Already Appomattox is receiving extra attention due to the activities of the Jamestival Festival Year. In fact, more is being done, and more interest shown in history right now than at any moment we can recall. We are delighted at the interest in Appomattox, and are proud of the opportunity to be hosts to nearly 1,000 school children from a number of Southside schools next Tuesday.

April is indeed an historic month, and high on the list of anniversaries is April 9, at Old Appomattox Court House, where a war-torn nation was reunited in a "gentleman's peace" under the leadership of Generals Lee and Grant.

It had been on another April date that the War began: April 12, 1861, in Charlestown Harbor.

April also gives us, on the 6th, the anniversary of the declaration of war upon Germany in1917, when the destiny of the United States carried its armed forces across the Atlantic. An Appomattox Congressman, Hal Flood, had a part in that declaration, being chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

And it was on April 11, 1898, that President McKinley called upon Congress to intervene in Cuba and the Spanish-American War was inaugurated two weeks later by a formal declaration.

The War of the Revolution began at Lexington, Massachusetts, on April 19, 1775. Eight years later, cessation of hostilities was proclaimed to the American Army and we became a free and independent nation.

There are other anniversaries in April. The first pony express moved out of the frontier settlement of St. Joseph, Missouri, on April 3, 1860. Thomas Jefferson's birthday is April 13th, the death of Abraham Lincoln occurred on April 15. The first permanent English settlers landed at Jamestown on April 26, 1607, and George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the Republic on April 30, 1789.

We commend the work of those who are striving to preserve the vast heritage of America. As we have said so very often: How can we live today or face tomorrow, without knowing what went on yesterday?

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Let's Have A Clean-up Week!

In the light of the obvious fact that Historic Appomattox will have more than a normal number of visitors this year, it is most desirable that we have a successful Spring Clean-Up Week.

We are informed that Frank McCann is heading a special committee working towards such a community effort. We bespeak for him the maximum cooperation of our people and local government. A Clean-Up is desirable every spring, but we should make an all-out effort this Jamestown Festival year.

It has been our observation that the weather has much to do with the success of aspring Clean-Up. It takes a few warm days to get folks outdoors and cleaning up. A late spring slows the effort, and by the time the weather is right, there are so many other things to do that the clean-up does not get the attention it merits. And there is nothing we can do about the weather! However, we can and should resolve to see to it that nothing prevents us from giving our town and county a good Spring Clean-Up.

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Amos 'n' Andy

Amos 'n' Andy, known all over the country by both young and old, have begun their thirtieth year on the air. Their first broadcast, which some may remember, occurred in the nineteen twenties, in the days of crystal sets.

Though few people know it, Amos 'n' Andy actually broadcast in 1929 under the name of Sam 'n' Henry over a Chicago radio station. They were forbidden to use those names later, and adopted the names Amos 'n' Andy.

During the nineteen thirties, they reached their peak of popularity and few American families were not familiar with their comedy skit.

The real names of the men who stage Amas 'n' Andy are Freeman Gosden, who is Amos, and Charles Correll, who plays Andy. Correll is 67 and Gosden 58.

Although the time may come when certain groups will force them off the air, we hope that day never arrives. There is good-natured and good-spirited humor in the dialects they employ and in the characters they animate. In our opinion, this has always been done in good taste, on the proper level, and is part of the broad picture of Americana.

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Spring Offers Beauty

Without going into the scientific explanation and without knowing too much about the revolutions of the sun around the earth and the inclination of the earth's axis, we pause long enough to welcome the advent of what is perhaps the loveliest exhibition of nature.

The dead hand of winter is loosening its grip upon the earth and the vegetable world is making ready to stage the greatest spectacle that man ever witnesses. The elixir also affects animals and men as physical bodies appear refreshed for further earthly existence.

When we witness the apparent resurgence of vital forces, we are prone to seek a moral and to grasp a hope. All that is certain, however, is that the inexorable laws of nature continue their inevitable procession, inviting men and women to enjoy the delightful experience and to seek an understanding of its fundamental cause.

As nature dresses herself in beautiful colors in this section, we like to think that human beings will refurnish their habitations, both material and spiritual.

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It might be worth while to think about saving the lives of some of the children who are being killed by automobiles.

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It's not peace we object to, only the nervous tension that goes with it. —Roanoke Times.

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We read in the "Business Bulletin" columns that a new top cow moo es and can actually be milked. Probably it's just a taxpayer.
—Wall Street Journal.

Homemakers Items

Not many housewives would put a "danger" sign over their front door!

But unless more people suddenly become safety-conscious, that sign wouldn't be a bad idea, says the Virginia Rural Safety Council.

Carelessness and negligence in the home cause a death every 16 minutes, and cause some disability every 4 minutes, the Council warns.

Falls are the home's greatest hazard, claiming a total of 14,000 lives annually in the United States. Burns are next in the grim order, and about 5,400 people die yearly as a result of them. Poisoning and carelessness with firearms each cause slightly over 1,000 deaths a year, and almost 6,500 people annually succomb to a list of varied causes.

More children under 14 are killed by home accidents than by any single disease. Here's how to minimize the dangers to children in your home:

Label all medicines and store them out of children's reach; be sure all firearms are unloaded and stored safely; keep matches and knives out of reach; and don't leave scissors, pins, and sharp tools within children's grasp.

Ask yourself a few questions. Are too many electric appliances running from any one outlet? Are rugs kept from curling and slipping? Do you immediately wipe up water or grease spilled on the floor? Is there a nonslip floor in the shower? Are all flammable liquids labeled and sealed?

Keep a first aid kit handy at all times. Remember, someone is hurt in the home every seven seconds.

BURGLAR REPORTS THEFT

Denver, Col.- A burglar, caught burglarizing a grocery store, was found by the owner of the store to call the police and request arrest. The caller, Alfonso Vigil, 27, explained that he had phoned at the request of Raquel Cordova, 62 the store owner, who returned to work, found Vigil in the store and happened to have a gun handy.

God put the church in the world. Satan seeks to put the world in the church. -Defender.

ANNUAL MEETING OF VIRGINIA T. B. ASS'N.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association was held at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va., April 2 and 3. Mrs. Matthew Lyle, Keysville, President of the Southside Tuberculosis Association, attended as Representative Director of the Association.

High taxes are termed to be the biggest factor in business failures.

Strauss implies cut will be made in West German military force.

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Oakville

Oakville, April 2.- Oakville is much alive. The phones were in Thursday. The people are enjoying them. Something have been waiting for so long.

O. W. Martin, Sr., Mrs. W. Moore, Mrs. O. W. Martin, and Mrs. Alease Drinkard attended the district meeting of the W. C. S. last Wednesday in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Charlie Lewis visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis in Lynchburg.

Mrs. W. Clarke Moore had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coleman and Mr. Dreams, of Scottsville.

Mrs. Nancy Abbitt has been notified of the death March 12, of Mr. Fletcher Ritchie at his home, 2607 Hill Road, in Durham, N. C. Mr. Ritchie was an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kennard Ritchie; one son, Tommy Ritchie. Funeral services were held at Durham and interment was in Danville, Va. The night after the funeral his wife fell down a flight of steps and broke her hip and is in Staunton Hospital. The Kennards lived for a number of years at Pamplin, Va., and Mary taught in Mt. Comfort and Oakville schools. She was a wonderful teacher and every one who knew her loved her.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke Moore and Mrs. Tom Guill visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Martin and family, of Amherst Sunday afternoon.

The "Mens" Club of Mt. Comfort Church will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Pamplin

Pamplin, April 2.- Mr. and Mrs. John Redford, of Lynchburg, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris last week.

R. S. Baldwin, Tommy Ligon, and R. E. McClenny, Jr., of V. P. I., Blacksburg, recently spent their spring vacation at their homes here.

Billy Moore, of the U. S. N., stationed at Norfolk, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore last week-end.

Mr. Newton Ligon, of Wilmington, N. C., was a week-end visitor in the home of his mother, Mrs. L. N. Ligon.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. N. L. McClenny and Mrs. N. Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller and children, of Middlesex County, and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny, of Farmville.

Mrs. W. R. Brightwell and Miss Mary Reeves Back spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wayne and son, Alvin Lee, of Newbern were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Davis.

Mr. W. C. Dudley visited his mother, Mrs. L. R Gentry, of Christiansburg over the week-end.

Mrs. Hallie Amenn, of Portsmouth spent several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Payne last week.

Mr. B. S. Hopkins, of Newport News is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Davis.

Dr. Mosley, of Richmond, visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton and C. W. Jr. visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Slayton, of Farmville Sunday.

Hixburg

Hixburg, April 2.- Mr. Ernest Carson, who is staying in Prospect visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson on Thursday.

Mr. Agee Glover is on the sick list.

Mrs. E. F. Schaupel, of Illinois, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Henry Covington.

Dr. Twyman Williams, of Appomattox visited several homes in the neighborhood on Sunday P. M.

Tom Hix, of the University of Richmond spent the week-end at home. He has accepted a part-time job in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goin announce the birth of Gary Sheckels, on March 30, at Southside Community Hospital, in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, of Appomattox were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin on Saturday.

Mr. Hans van Nes Aden, of Tulsa spent several days last week at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Price, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rosser and William, of Prospect were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington on Sunday.

Cpt. George J. Glass, of Jacksonville, Folrida, is spending several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fore, Sr. Other visitors during the week-end included Miss Rosalie Fore, Mr. and Mrs. R. E Fore, Jr., of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs.E. C. Rogers of Appomattox, and Mrs. H. F. Chanlon, Mrs. Shirley Davis and Mrs. Chick, of Washington.

Report on 4-H Electric Congress

The second annual Appomattox County 4-H Electric Congress was held Saturday, March 16, at Appomattox Elementary School.

It is believed this is the only county congress among the 4-H Farm and Home Electric projects in the state. The Appomattox County Congress is patterned on a miniature fashion after the State 4-H Electric Congress held in Richmond each fall. County winners in the electric project are given scholarships to attend the State Electric Congress.

The Appomattox County Congress featured exhibits entered in competition by 4-H Clubs on some phase of the electric project. This year's exhibits and their awards were: Spout Spring: What's Your Freezer Score? Blue ribbon, 2nd place: Hesson: Electricity Works for the Farmer: Red ribbon, 3rd place. Lucky Clover: Converting Oil Lamp to Electric. Blue ribbon, 1st place. Glendale: Uses of Portable Electric Motors. Red ribbon. Carson: From Animal Power to Electricity. White ribbon. Hebron: Know your Wires and Fuses.

Judges for the exhibits were A. J. Lambert, Engineering Dept., V. P. I.; M. G. Harrson, Southside Electric Cooperative; and Miss Flora Belle Williams, Principal Appomattox Elementary School.

The 4-H members also judged the exhibits. Those most nearly matching the decision of the judges were Louella Martin, first; Phillip Lucado, second; Eleanor Richardson, third; Mary Tolley, fourth; and Betsy Williams, fifth.

Anotehr feature of the Congress was demonstrations by 4-H Club members. The first round of elimination in this contest took place in the individual clubs.

Those presenting an electric demonstration at the Congress and their prizes were: Phillip Lucado, Lucky Clover Club, "Replacing a plug on a cord," first prize, table lamp; Herman Nash Jr., Glendale Club, "Care and Cleaning of a Vacuum Cleaner," second prize; outdoor lighting fixture; Eunice Martin, Spout Spring Club; "Care of Irons," third place, table lamp; Brenda Nash, Mrs. Wilkin's Club, and Linda Nash, Mrs. Wilkins Club, demonstrated "Ironing" and "Care of Irons," placed fourth and fifth and each won an electric soldering iron.

Judges for the demonstration were Dr. Aubrey Keesee, Appomattox School Supervisor; Mrs. Virginia alley, Home Demonstration Agent, Buckingham County; and Mr. Jim Strickler, Virginia Rural Electrification Council, VPI.

Prizes for the demonstration winners were donated by local appliance dealers and local power suppliers.

A grand prize was given to the all-round winner among 4-H Clubs. This was based on attendance of club at County Electric Congress, Club Exhibit and club members giving demonstrations.

There was a close race between the two highest clubs. Lucky Clover Club won over Glendale by 2 points.

Mr. T. M. Trent, of Appomattox, a director of Central Virginia Electric Co-op., presented to the County 4-H Clubs, a tape recorder, in behalf of his firm. The grand prize winner, Lucky Clover Club, will have the use of this recorder for this year. At the Congress next year, the tape recorder will be passed on to the next grand prize winner for one year's custody.

Guiding this 4-H Electric program throughout Appomattox County were Mrs. Ella S. Anderson, Home Demonstration Agent, and Mr. Jim Smith, County Agent.

Premier Ben-Gurion has warnted that Israel will go to war if Egypt and Saudi Arabia do not permit freedom of passage in the Gulf of Aqaba or if there is not "freedom from terror" on the border of Gaza.

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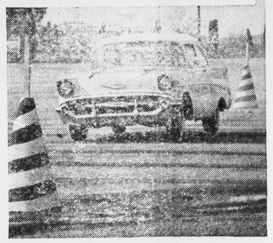
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